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Re: U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/637,800
Filing Date: August 11, 2000
Entitled: **PROCESSING NETWORK MANAGEMENT DATA IN ACCORDANCE WITH
METADATA FILES**
Attorney Docket No: 102689-45/ 00-U0076

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment;
2. Ten (10) pages of amended informal drawings;
3. One (1) page of Specification; and
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